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Reilly Tar and Chemical  
St. Louis Park, Minn*

**SAFETY AND HEALTH  
SERVICE REPORT**

**Employers Insurance of Wausau**

HOME OFFICE, WAUSAU, WISCONSIN

**FOR**

Mr. H. L. Finch, Manager  
Reilly Tar and Chemical Corporation  
St. Louis Park, Minnesota

June 3, 1966

**CONCERNING**

St. Louis Park, Minnesota

**SERVICE BY**

K. F. Smith, safety consultant,  
on May 26, 1966

**PERSONS CONTACTED**

H. L. Finch, manager

**REPORT SUMMARY**

"I met with Mr. Finch to review the accidents and progress on suggestions submitted on May 6, 1965. Most of the accidents involved material handling and falls on ice. The most serious occurred on March 1, 1966, when Mr. Bert Kortekaas fell out of a gondola while he was loading timbers. His picaroon pulled out. He lost his balance and fell eight feet to the ground landing on his shoulder and head. He is still off work.

"The percentage of men wearing hard hats is about 20 per cent. There is no policy making this mandatory as far as the manager knows. The main office could consider such a policy to help the manager in his efforts.

"The foremen have been instructed not to allow riders on cranes and lift trucks. Also, they check regularly that adequate clearances are maintained to railroad tracks, and that good housekeeping is maintained.

"The safety hooks have not been provided on the cranes. Mr. Finch agreed to have this done.

"I also suggested that he have an electrician install the proper electrical outlet for the welder and check the electrical grounding. Some of the switch boxes have been labeled. This still needs to be completed. Wiring along the tank car unloading track is not energized according to Mr. Finch.

This confirmation of service concerns only such conditions and practices as were observed and considered at the time of this call. It is not intended to indicate that all other hazards are adequately controlled.

If you have any comments or questions concerning this report, write to C. H. Elisy, Vice-President, Safety & Health Services.

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"The switch on the DeWalt saw has been relocated.

"Improved guarding of the drive belt on the log saw has been done. Mr. Finch does not feel that any more guarding on the planer is necessary.

"A fence will be provided around the tar cistern within 30 days.

"In regard to the adzer unit, Mr. Finch reports that he submitted a suggestion to his home office for a change in this setup but has not received approval as yet. It is advisable that this be given serious consideration and prompt action. On April 28, 1966, Mr. Clarence Gast suffered a crushed thumb when the safety device failed because of a broken pin, to keep a tie from rolling off the end of the conveyor.

"The importance of supervisors setting a good example by wearing hard hats was discussed with Mr. Finch."

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cc: Mr. R. J. Boyle



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